

Underhill Roads Committee

Meeting No. 2

7/31/17

Members present: Kurt Johnson, Nate Sullivan, Andy Rowe, Mike Weisel, Clark Elliott, Mike Morin

Other potential members : Meg Armstrong Kurt has left a message for her but has not had a response.

The record of past paving history prepared by Nate and Andy was passed out to all members.

Also distributed to all were the paved road capital and maintenance costs from a 2014 study done for the Town.

- The paving/reconstruction/reclaim costs contained within that study were discussed
- It was felt that the unit costs as presented were potentially a little low for 2017, but were not too far off
- It was noted that it would not be difficult to review all these unit costs and update them to the present
- As relates to reclaiming our roads, it was noted that we could probe the existing pavement depth using a hammer drill to determine if the pavement was too thick for a one-pass reclaim (10" max.)

Noting that the final bad section of Pleasant Valley Road will be addressed this summer, Nate feels that River Road, N. Underhill Station Road and Poker Hill Road are the next in line for improvement.

Kurt reported that although he has tried reaching his contact at VTrans regarding partial lane reclaiming, he has not heard back from him. He also mentioned a machine called a "zipper" that works on the bucket of a loader for smaller job reclaiming. Mike Morin told us that his experience with this process suggests it is not a good match for Underhill – high maintenance costs associated with it.

Nate has talked to Pat Lamphere about the remaining gravel on his property on Beartown Road. Pat likes the idea of the Town getting the gravel; however, we suspect that there will be onerous permitting associated with it and that Pat may not be interested in pursuing that. Nate will talk to Pat again in the context of permitting/operating a pit and selling the material to us.

Crack sealing was discussed and it was noted that Jericho had some done that was totally unsatisfactory. Mike will find out the details and who they may have used that they are happy with.

At approximately 7:15, the group broke up into 3 teams of 2 to drive numerous roads in town to assess the condition and the potential remedial measures that might be appropriate for each. The results of these surveys will be discussed at the next meeting – Monday, August 21, 2017.